SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5248** TRICKY **B5248**

			2		3			
7					4	8		
	6		7	8				
5			9					8
			8				1	6
3	8	9						2
6	7	1		5			4	
	4		1				3	
2		5						7

	7		5			3		
		4		9	8	5		
8		7	6	3		9		
		3			7			
				8	9		5	
2						1		
		9	7		1			8
					4		2	

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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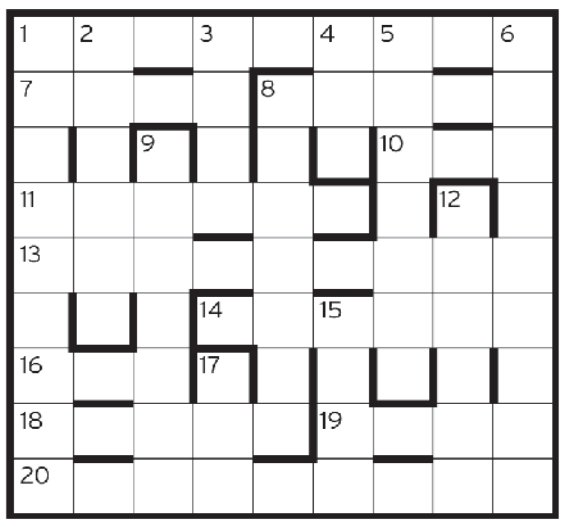
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

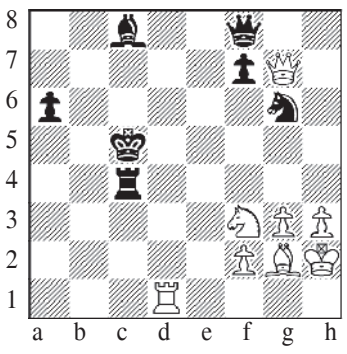
1 Extraterrestrial vehicle (9)
7 Singing voice (4)
8 Very steep (5)
10 Bustling activity (3)
11 Pressed (6)
13 Body orbiting a planet (9)
14 River mammals (6)
16 Decorate a cake (3)
18 Blunder (5)
19 Prod (4)
20 Sent away (9)



DOWN

1 Contented (9)
2 Not singular (6)
3 Monetary disc (4)
4 Timid (3)
5 Weighing more (7)
6 Orcs speed (anag.) (9)
8 Place of refuge (7)
9 Female parents (7)
12 Industrial conflict (6)
15 Faucets (4)
17 Male cat (3)

CHESS



WHITE WINS A PIECE

HINT: CREATE A DOUBLE ATTACK.

Solution: 1. Qxf8ch! Nxf8 2. Rd8, etc.

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 12;

Very good 18;

Excellent 24 (or more).

Solution monday.

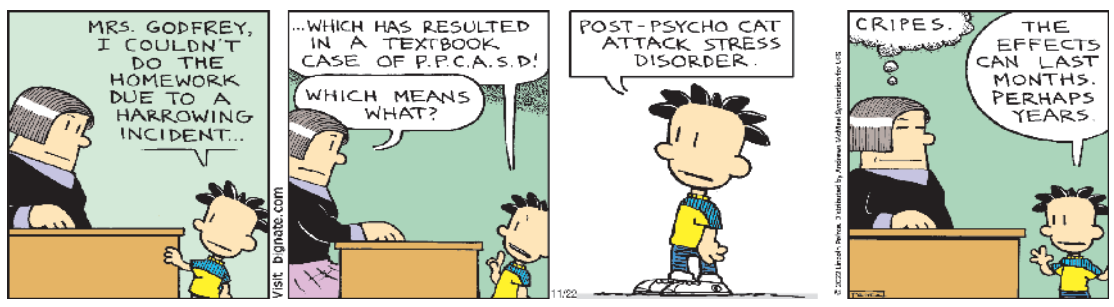
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

CINEMATIC

accent acetic ante anti antic cant cent CINEMATIC cite emit enact incite inmate item mate meant meat mint mite neat tame team time tine tinea

THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE


MRS. GODFREY, I COULDN'T DO THE HOMEWORK DUE TO A HARROWING INCIDENT...
...WHICH HAS RESULTED IN A TEXTBOOK CASE OF P.P.C.A.S.D!
WHICH MEANS WHAT?
POST-PSYCHO CAT ATTACK STRESS DISORDER.
CRIPES.
THE EFFECTS CAN LAST MONTHS. PERHAPS YEARS.
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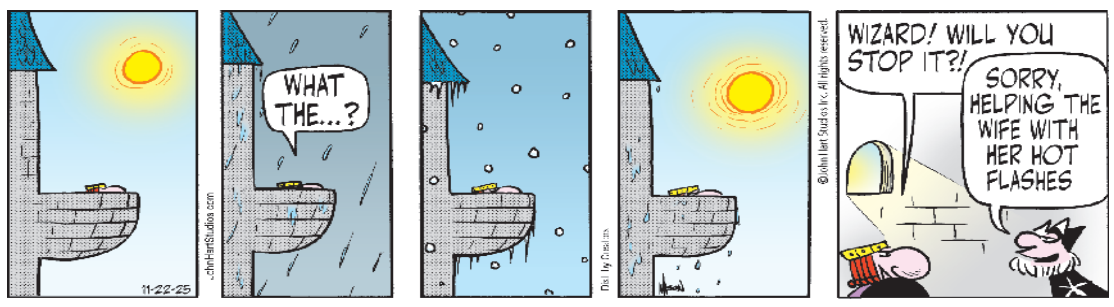
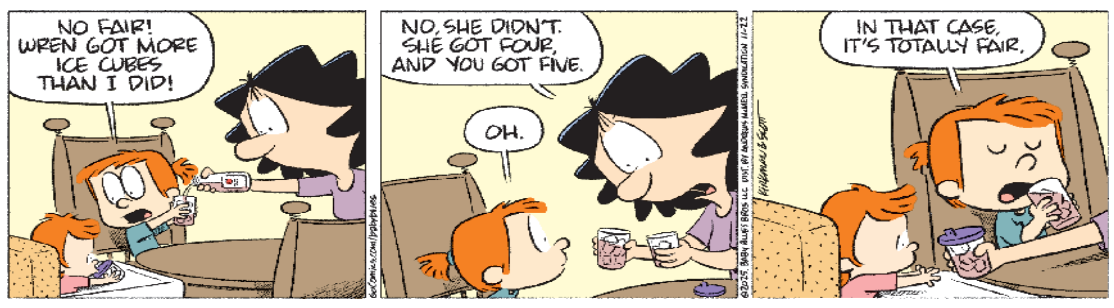
THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES



WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:37pm	05:04pm	05:43pm	05:03pm	05:09pm	05:38pm
Sunrise	06:48am	06:43am	06:52am	06:35am	06:50am	06:59am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow				Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	11	26	Sunny	67	11	26	Sunny		10	25	Sunny
Hyderabad	13	30	Mostly Sunny	43	13	30	Sunny		13	29	Sunny
Islamabad	10	23	Sunny	57	9	23	Sunny		8	22	Sunny
Lahore	11	26	Sunny	58	11	25	Sunny		10	24	Sunny
Multan	11	27	Sunny	66	11	27	Sunny		10	26	Sunny
Peshawar	8	24	Sunny	66	8	22	Sunny		7	22	Sunny
Quetta	1	16	Sunny	36	2	16	Sunny		2	16	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
TANTALIZE

(TANTALIZE: TAN-tuh-lize: To tease or torment by keeping something desirable out of reach.)

Average mark 28 words
Time limit 50 minutes

Can you find 44 or more words in TANTALIZE?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — ZEPPELINS

zein	lenis	size
zeppelin	lens	sleep
else	lien	slip
enisle	line	snip
ensile	lisp	snipe
peel	isle	spiel
peen	nipple	spile
peep	seen	spin
pepsin	seep	spine
pile	seine	spinel
pine	seize	spleen
pipe	senile	spline
plie	sine	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

1 Substance
7 Terror
9 Control
10 Knob
12 Mrs
13 Against
14 Egg
15 Diva
17 Trouser
19 Severe
20 Jellyfish.

DOWN

1 Sickness
2 Udon
3 Bin
4 Territory
5 Around
6 Court
8 Research
11 Barrel
13 Agree
16 Vets
18 Ski.

METRO EVENTS

BOOK LAUNCH

Zubeida Mustafa's book, *Chatting with Daadi*, is launched as part of Adab Festival, at Habitt City, Tipu Sultan Road, at 5pm.

SEMINAR

'From Playground to Podium: Olympic Talent Pathways for Pakistan', a seminar, is organised at JS Auditorium, IBA, City campus, at 2pm.

FILM

Parey Hut Love, a film, is screened as part of the World Culture Festival, at Auditorium 2, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 4pm.

PLAY

The Transposed Heads, a play, is being staged as part of the World Culture Festival, at Auditorium 1, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 7pm.

CONFERENCE

Inaugural ceremony of the '8th Pakistan International Tourism Property & Opportunities Conference' is organised at Pearl Continental Hotel at 11am.

BOOK TALK

'The Future of Civilisation', a book talk, is held as part of Adab Festival, at Habitt City, Tipu Sultan Road, at 4pm.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** Set aside some time today to make financial plans for the future. Organize your paperwork and give serious thought to wills, estates, taxes, debt and shared property. How do you want things to unfold? What have you been overlooking? Pull your act together. Tonight: You're noticed.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** Sit down with a partner or a close friend and talk about your dreams for the future. This is the perfect day to name a dream and identify what steps are necessary to make it a reality. (Most things around you begin with a thought, right?) Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

**** Give some thought to what you can do to improve your health. (There's always room for improvement.) Think about diet, exercise and lifestyle habits. Whatever you set in motion today will have a long-term benefit in the future. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

***** This is a good day to create a vision board to physically show you how you want your future to look. Your creative vibes are strong, and you might use a visual support to plan ahead so you can achieve your dreams for yourself and your loved ones. Ideas? Tonight: Be cooperative.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** Take time today to think of practical approaches that you can do to secure your home and your family for your long-term future. What can you do to improve things as they exist right now? What can you do to encourage a more ideal home environment for the future? Tonight: Get organized.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** This is an excellent day for long-term planning, because your ruler Mercury is dancing beautifully with Saturn, a planet that deals with hard edges and reality. Listen to the advice of someone older or more experienced. Make some plans that will secure your future. Tonight: Socialize!

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** Today your mind is sharp. Whatever you do, you will do carefully. As you deal with practical matters and serious concerns, you might want to organize yourself and your surroundings. You might be reserved with others today because you have a lot on your mind. Tonight: Relax.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

***** This is a day for serious thinking and important concerns. You want to get better organized, and you'll be quick to see what needs to be done. In particular, because your critical faculty is sharp, you'll look around you to see how you can make everything serve a practical purpose. Tonight: Discussions.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** Research will go well today because your mind is penetrating, calm and focused. In particular, you might want to arrive at solutions or answers to problems that relate to issues with your home or family matters, especially with a parent. You want solutions. Tonight: Check your belongings.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** Someone older or more experienced might have excellent advice for you today. It certainly doesn't hurt to listen. You don't have to reinvent the wheel, so why not stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before you? Practical advice could be invaluable. Tonight: You win!

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

**** A discussion with a parent, boss or someone in a position of authority will yield some encouragement or permission. Whatever the case, practical ideas can be set in motion today that will have a long-term benefit in your future. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

***** If you can believe it, you can achieve it. This is the classic day to shake off any inhibitions and submerge yourself in building a better future for yourself. Write down your dreams and hopes that could become a reality. Tonight: Be friendly.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

It's almost magic

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ A Q 5 4
♦ Q 10 8
♣ Q 3

WEST
♠ J 8 6 4
♥ J 10 9 7
♦ 6 2
♣ 8 5 4

EAST
♠ K 9 3
♥ K 8 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 9 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A 5
♥ 6
♦ A K J 9 4
♣ A K J 10 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
7 ♦			

Opening lead -- jack of hearts.

When declarer has to choose between two different methods of play, either of which might succeed or fail depending on how the missing cards are divided, he usually does best by making the so-called percentage play.

Consider this deal where West leads a heart against seven diamonds. At first glance it might seem best for declarer to finesse the queen, because if he doesn't, he is very likely to lose a spade trick and go down one.

Mathematically, there is a 50% chance that West has the king of hearts (assuming we disregard the fact that West would be unlikely to lead a heart from the king against a grand slam).

But even if we assume there's a 50-50 chance that West has the king, the fact remains that there is another method of play that offers a much greater chance of success. Essentially, it depends on the opposing trumps being divided 3-2, a 68% proposition.

Accordingly, declarer should win the heart lead with the ace, ruff a heart high, lead the four of trump to the eight and ruff another heart high. The nine of trump is then led to the ten, and dummy's last heart is ruffed with South's last trump.

A low club to the queen now allows declarer to cash the queen of trump -- drawing the last opposing trump -- while at the same time he disposes of his spade loser. South then scores the rest of the tricks with his remaining clubs.

It may be somewhat difficult to visualize at the beginning of play that South's spade loser will eventually be discarded on dummy's queen of diamonds, but that's the way things usually go in dummy-reversal hands.

Tomorrow: The practical side of bridge.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5247

8	5	3	7	4	2	6	9	1
6	4	1	3	9	8	2	5	7
9	7	2	1	6	5	8	3	4
3	6	5	2	1	7	4	8	9
7	1	4	9	8	6	3	2	5
2	9	8	4	5	3	1	7	6
1	3	9	8	7	4	5	6	2
5	8	7	6	2	1	9	4	3
4	2	6	5	3	9	7	1	8

Tricky — B5247

8	5	6	7	3	1	2	9	4
3	2	4	6	9	5	1	8	7
7	9	1	4	8	2	5	6	3
5	8	9	1	4	3	6	7	2
1	3	2	9	7	6	4	5	8
4	6	7	2	5	8	9	3	1
2	7	5	3	6	4	8	1	9
6	1	3	8	2	9	7	4	5
9	4	8	5	1	7	3	2	6